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Representative Roberto Alonzo



Biographical Information

State Representative Roberto Rivera Alonzo was elected in November 2002 to represent District 104 in the Texas House of Representatives. The district includes the City of Cockrell Hill, the North Oak Cliff area of Dallas, and part of the City of Grand Prairie. After serving two previous terms in the Legislature from 1993 - 1997, this marks Representative Alonzo's third term in the House.

Representative Alonzo currently serves on the House Corrections and Judicial Affairs Committees, with previous committee experience including the Transportation and Urban Affairs Committees. He was chosen by his colleagues to serve as chair of the Higher Education Task Force for the Mexican American Legislative Caucus (MALC) and serves on the Board of Directors of the Legislative Study Group (LSG).

Previous legislative accomplishments included the creation of the North Texas Initiative, a project in conjunction with universities and colleges of North Texas, to assure a greater number of Hispanic students have access to higher educational and better career opportunities. He also authored and passed a House Resolution creating the Center for Mexican-American studies at UT-Arlington and a law creating the Texas Partnership & Scholarship Program. In addition, Representative Alonzo worked hard to ensure public safety, co-authoring a bill to make stalking a criminal offense and to require increased security devices at rental dwellings and apartments.

Representative Alonzo is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, and received his law degree from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University. During his time at UT-Austin, Representative Alonzo was elected the first Mexican-American student body president. For the last 17 years he has been a licensed, practicing attorney in the City of Dallas.

Representative Alonzo is an active leader in a number of civic and community organizations. He served two years on the Board of Directors of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority (DART). He also served as Chairman of the Mexican American Democrats of Texas from 1991 - 1997. Representative Alonzo's other activities include service as President of the Oak Cliff Little League and a member of the Oak Cliff Coalition for the Arts, Knights of Columbus Oak Cliff Council 3593, Wynnewood North Neighborhood Association, Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce, Harry Stone Montessori PTA, and assistant team leader of his son's Weebelos Boy Scouts.

State Representative Alonzo was born in Crystal City, TX, on Christmas Day, 1956. He and his wife Sylvana have three children: Roberto Jr., Maria Xiomara, and Jose Maria Emeterio.

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